

Listing of the Claims:

Below is a listing of all claims using strikethrough and underlining to show changes.

1. (Currently Amended) A wavelength selective optical device comprising:

a replaceable first graded index rod lens having a first end surface thereof on which a divergent light is incident, and a second end surface thereof from which a parallel light beam is emitted; and

an optical filter having a predetermined range of a pass bandwidth or a reflecting bandwidth arranged to face to the second end surface of the first graded index rod lens so that the parallel light beam emitted from the first graded index rod lens is incident on the optical filter;

the replaceable first graded index rod lens being replaceably disposed contacting the optical filter wherein upon replacement by another graded index rod lens an angle of the parallel light incident on the optical filter is adjusted by changing a refractive index distribution constant of the first graded index rod lens such that a wavelength range of the light which is reflected or transmitted by the optical filter is tuned within the desired predetermined range.

2. (original) A wavelength selective optical device according to claim 1, wherein the optical filter is a multi-layered optical interference filter, and

the refractive index distribution constant of the first graded index rod lens is adjusted such that a representative wavelength of the light reflected or transmitted by the optical filter is tuned within a desired range.

3. (original) A wavelength selective optical device according to claim 1, wherein the optical filter is formed directly on the second end surface of the first graded index rod lens as a film.

4. (Original) A wavelength selective optical device, according to claim 1, further comprising a cylindrical member wherein the first graded index rod lens is inserted from one end portion of the cylindrical member so that the first graded index rod lens is fitted

without clearance to the cylindrical member, and the optical filter is provided on another end portion of the cylindrical member.

5. (Previously presented) A wavelength selective optical device according to claim 1, wherein the first graded index rod lens is selected from among a plurality of graded index rod lens groups having various different refractive index distribution constants.

6. (Currently Amended) A wavelength selective optical device comprising:

a first optical fiber in which optical signals with a plurality of multiplexed wavelengths is propagated;

a replaceable first graded index rod lens having a first end surface thereof on which a light emitted from an end surface of the first optical fiber is incident, and a second end surface thereof from which a parallel light beam is emitted;

an optical filter having a predetermined range of a pass bandwidth or a reflecting bandwidth arranged to face to the second end surface of the first graded index rod lens so that the parallel light beam emitted from the first graded index rod lens is incident on the optical filter; and

a second optical fiber arranged on a side of the first end surface of the first graded index rod lens to which a light reflected by the optical filter is coupled through the first graded index rod lens;

the replaceable first graded index rod lens being replaceably disposed contacting the optical filter wherein upon replacement by another graded index rod lens an angle of the parallel light incident on the optical filter is adjusted by changing a refractive index distribution constant of the first graded index rod lens such that a wavelength range of the light reflected by the optical filter is tuned within the predetermined ~~a~~ desired range.

7. (original) A wavelength selective optical device according to claim 6, further comprising a second graded index rod lens having a first end surface thereof facing to the optical filter, and

a third optical fiber arranged on a side of a second end surface of the second graded index rod lens to which a light transmitted from the optical filter is coupled through the second graded index rod lens.

8. (original) A wavelength selective optical device according to claim 6, wherein the optical filter is a multi-layered optical interference filter, and

the refractive index distribution constant of the first graded index rod lens is adjusted such that a representative wavelength of the light reflected by the optical filter is tuned within a desired range.

9. (original) A wavelength selective optical device according to claim 6, wherein the optical filter is formed directly on the second end surface of the first graded index rod lens as a film.

10. (original) A wavelength selective optical device, according to claim 6, further comprising a cylindrical member wherein the first graded index rod lens is inserted from one end portion of the cylindrical member so that the first graded index rod lens is fitted without clearance to the cylindrical member, and the optical filter is provided on another end portion of the cylindrical member.

11. (original) A wavelength selective optical device according to claim 6, wherein the first graded index rod lens is selected among a plurality of graded index lens groups having various different refractive index distribution constants.

12. (Currently Amended) A wavelength selective optical device comprising:
a first optical fiber in which optical signals with a plurality of multiplexed wavelengths is propagated;

a replaceable first graded index rod lens having a first end surface thereof on which a light emitted from an end surface of the first optical fiber is incident, and a second end surface thereof from which a parallel light beam is emitted;

an optical filter arranged to face to the second end surface of the first graded index rod lens so that the parallel light beam emitted from the first graded index rod lens is incident on the optical filter;

a second graded index rod lens having a first end surface thereof facing to the first optical fiber; and

a second optical fiber arranged on the side of a second end surface of the second graded index rod lens to which a light transmitted from the optical filter is coupled through the second graded index rod lens,

the replaceable first graded index rod lens being replaceably disposed contacting the optical filter wherein upon replacement by another graded index rod lens an angle of the parallel light incident on the optical filter is adjusted by changing a refractive index distribution constant of the first graded index rod lens such that a wavelength range of the light transmitted from the optical filter is tuned within a desired range.

13. (original) A wavelength selective optical device according to claim 12, wherein the optical filter is a multi-layered optical interference filter, and

the refractive index distribution constant of the first graded index rod lens is adjusted such that a representative wavelength of the light transmitted from the optical filter is positioned within a desired range.

14. (original) A wavelength selective optical device according to claim 12, wherein the optical filter is formed directly on the second end surface of the first graded index rod lens as a film.

15. (original) A wavelength selective optical device according to claim 12, wherein the first graded index rod lens is selected among a plurality of graded index rod lens groups having various different refractive index distribution constants.

16-20. Canceled

21. (New) The device of claim 1, including a replacement graded index rod lens with a different $A^{1/2}$.

22. (New) The device of claim 1, wherein the first rod lens tightly contacts the optical filter chip and when replaced by another rod lens a different $A^{1/2}$ the another rod lens tightly contacts the optical filter.

23. (New) The device of claim 1, the first rod lens tightly contacting the optical filter and replaceable by a replacement rod lens having different $A^{1/2}$.

24. (New) The device of claim 1, including a glass tube through which the first rod lens can be pulled out.